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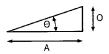
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(57) ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a method and apparatus to continuously monitor and control acoustic energy and vacuum pressure to maintain a net unidirectional flow of multi-phase heterogeneous fluids through a porous filter or membrane. The heterogeneous fluid may come form a variety of sources including biological sources such as, blood, bone marrow aspirate (BMA), adipose tissue (lipoaspirate), urine, saliva, etc.

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Θ =Tilt angle

=Length of relaxed spring - compressed spring

A =Distance between the hinge and the spring

